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JANUARY MUSTER CALL

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Mess Call
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria
Hancock Center

The New Year is upon us, and the officer staff of 1990 and 1991 wish you a very Happy New Year! We also urge you to make a New Year's Resolution to attend the monthly meetings of your camp. Why, you ask? For several reasons, first, to honor and keep alive the memory of your ancestor and the South; secondly, we need your input on Camp business and really want to see you regularly. Thirdly, it is a chance to take your family out to eat and enjoy good Southern fellowship once a month. Fourthly and not least of these, we hope it is enjoyable and makes you feel good. And finally, if you don't do your part to support the Cause, who will? Did we convince you? We hope we did.

This month we will install the new officers for 1991. We also will discuss the items that call for our attention and attendance during the first month of the year. Our special guest will be Brigade Commander Carl Lehmoerg from the Alamo Camp in San Antonio. He will install the officers and will speak on "Lee's Declining Years". Come join us.

CAMP CHOOSES NEW OFFICERS

It was as if we had stepped back in time into the last century. The Commander's Christmas Party had more people in uniform and period dress than ever before. It certainly looked good. There was an abundance of good food. No one should have gone away hungry. Good Southern fellowship abounded. During the party a couple of announcements and the election of officers for 1991 took place. Please give your support to these newly elected officers:

Commander.....John Hagler
1st Lt.Cdr.....Allen Matetzschk
2nd Lt.Cdr.....Glenn Hadeler
Adjutant.....Greg Hector
Chaplain.....Tom Bishop
Quartermaster.....Marlow Taylor
Historian.....Ross Shipman
Surgeon.....Kerry Hellums
Judge Advocate....Dan Kuykendall
Color Sgt.....David Morris
Sgt.at Arms.....John Wilson

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

"CROSSED OVER THE RIVER"

THOMAS G. HICKS
1920-1990

Compatriot THOMAS GUNTER HICKS "crossed over the river" on the 11th of December 1990 after an extensive illness. He had been a member of the Damp since 1980. Compatriot Hicks joined the SCV upon the record of his Great Grandfather John Archer who was appointed Captain GS Regiment in May 1861 and was the commander of Ft. Winder, va. He was relieved from duty in 1864 for wounds received.

Tommy was born 25 May 1920 at Nixon in Gonzales County. He is survived by his wife, Irene, and a large extended, loving family including a brother, Compatriot W.V. "Bud" Hicks.

Tommy was a Brigadier General in the Texas State Guard Honorary Reserve having served his country in the Armed Forces since before WWII. He worked as a full time employee with the Texas Adjutant General's Dep't. from 1951-1981.

His memory we will revere; his loss we will mourn. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family.

A DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY

A REMEMBRANCE

December 19th marked the anniversary of the death of Walter Williams. He died in 1959 in Houston at the age of 117. His was the distinction of being the last veteran of the War Between the States. He had outlived his counterpart of the North by about three years.

There may be some discrepancy regarding his service to the South. We have read that he had served as an infantryman late in the War outside Vicksburg, MS, but we think probably that he had been a forager for Hood's Texans.

You may not know or remember, though, that the week of William's death, the nuclear submarine, Robert E. Lee, was launched while troops in Confederate uniform stood to the strains of Dixie. How about that?

TEXAS CONFEDERATE HEROES DAY

January 19th is officially labeled Texas Confederate Heroes Day, a combination of the several holidays we used to observe. January 19th is R. E. Lee's birthday. However, we now have to contend with MLK day about the same time.

The official observance by our Confederate organizations here in Austin will be SUNDAY, 27 JANUARY 1991 in the Old Supreme Court Room in the Capitol Bldg. at 2:00 p.m. Confederates are needed in uniform for this event. We will be needed for honor guards at the ceremony, for a color guard, and for firing a salute when the wreath is laid at the monument on the grounds. Soldiers are asked to arrive by 1:00 p.m. and report for duty assignments. All branches are needed; however, Battery members are reminded that the cannon will fire and needs a full complement for serving the piece. Uniform or not, we hope the SCV will really turn out for this observance. If the lawmakers and public do not see that this remembrance of Confederate Heroes is important to us, then they may decide that it is no longer important to observe this special day honoring your heritage. We can all devote an hour or so on a Sunday afternoon for this cause, can't we?

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LEE, JACKSON, MAURY LUNCHEON

The Albert Sidney Johnston Chap. #105 cordially invites you to attend the annual Lee, Jackson, Maury Luncheon honoring these Southern heroes on Saturday, 12 January 1991, 11:00 a.m. The location will be the Doubletree Hotel, Dover Room, I35 and U.S. 290 on the northbound access road. Period dress is invited. The speaker will be Dr. Norman D. Brown, Professor of History at the University of Texas.

Reservations are \$12.95 and should be made by 6 January 1991. RSVP to Mrs. Betty McAnelly, 2504 Quarry Road Austin 78703.



WBTS SITES STUDY BILL

(Highway, Dec. 1990) The Senate passed a bill that directs a national study of the boundaries of WBTS battlegrounds. This measure was introduced by Senator James Jeffords (R-Vt.) It authorizes the Dep't. of the Interior to conduct a one-year study to determine which Shenandoah Valley sites should be saved from destruction. Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.), chmn. of the Senate subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks, persuaded the Senate to add a section authorizing a study of the boundaries of all WBTS sites.

DUES NOTICE

There is not a separate dues notice mailed to you reminding you that it is time to pay your annual dues. This is it! Dues from SCV members are due and payable on January 1st of each year. Please do not procrastinate; either bring these to the January meeting or mail them to the camp at 5914 Sunshine Dr., Austin 78757. Checks should be made payable to "Camp #59 SCV". Please note on the memo portion the purpose of your check. Dues cards will be returned to you upon payment of your dues.

Unless special circumstances apply the amount of your dues levy is \$20. Your monies are spent in this way. \$13 goes to the national organization to finance our national activities and to pay for your subscription to the Confederate Veteran. The Texas Division gets \$3, and our Camp keeps \$4. Our \$4 gets spread mighty thin since it is used to pay for this newsletter and the projects and programs we enter into annually. The cost of this newsletter alone is a little less than \$6 yearly per member (if the cost of postage remains the same). Therefore, you see that we would suffer from negative cash flow if there were not other income. One of the largest sources of this extra income is from DIXIE DONORS. To be recognized as a Dixie Donor on the newsletter, we ask that you join the ranks of those who give \$10 or more above the cost of your dues to our Camp Treasury. Of course, any amount is accepted and appreciated. Will you become a Dixie Donor this year?

If you are a member of the MOSB, you may include your dues to this group in with your SCV dues. Annual dues to the MOSB are \$12. The state society keeps \$2 and the national gets \$10.

BE A DIXIE DONOR

DAR HONORS COMPATRIOTS

The Thankful Hubbard Chapter of the DAR has awarded three of our Compatriots with certificates for flying the U.S. flag daily. The certificates read "Certificate of Award for proper use, correct display, and patriotic presentation..." of the flag. Compatriot Chaplain LG Thomas Bishop, Compatriot Jim Yancy, and Compatriot C.E. Jordan were so honored by the DAR. These awards were made possible through the auspices of Sara Winston, the gracious wife of Compatriot Bob Winston. Congratulations to these Southerners for showing their patriotism. By the way, we happen to know that the Sons of the Republic of Texas also present certificates to those who fly the Texas flag daily.

THE C.S.A. NEWS

David Martin, a Confederate from Blanco, has informed us that he is or will be publishing a bimonthly newsletter for which he invites subscriptions.

He is avid about defending the attacks upon our heritage and urging the truth be taught in our schools. His purpose is to tell the truths of the causes of the war and expose the "lies" of the past 125 years. The first issue is scheduled to be hot off the press even now. The cost of a subscription is \$10. He invites your questions at #512-833-4622. To subscribe, send a check for \$10 to C.S.A. News, Box 686, Blanco, Texas 78606.

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